

## CLAIMS

1. A wood drying method characterized in that wood coated with a material of good heat conductance and heat resistance is placed in a high-temperature environment not exceeding an ignition temperature and then dried in the high-temperature environment.

2. A wood drying method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said material of good heat conductance and heat resistance is a metal foil.

3. A wood drying method as claimed in claim 2 wherein said metal foil is an aluminum foil.

4. A wood drying method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said wood is a log.

5. A wood drying method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said wood is placed in the high-temperature environment with an entire surface, except for end surfaces, of said wood coated with the material.

6. A wood drying apparatus characterized in that wood coated with a material of good heat conductance and heat resistance is placed in a high-temperature environment not exceeding an ignition temperature and then dried in the high-temperature environment.

7. A wood drying apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein said material of good heat conductance and heat resistance is a metal foil.

8. A wood drying apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein said metal foil is an aluminum foil.

9. A wood drying apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein said wood is a log.

5 10. A wood drying apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein said wood is placed in the high-temperature environment with an entire surface, except for end surfaces, of said wood coated with the material.